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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za, on packet bulletin boards and on Echolink from Chris, ZS6FCS.

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS depends on clubs and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. Please place your news items on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are listening to ZS6SRL and the news follows in detail.

PRESIDENT'S NET AND INTECNET TONIGHT

At 19:00 CAT the President's net will be on the air this evening. With the publication of amendments to the regulations and the removal of the Morse code as the only qualifying factor for obtaining a full ZS licence one can expect some interesting discussion. Join SARL President Graham Hartlett as he reviews the happening of the past month.

The Intecnet with Chris Burger, ZS6EZ, as guest speaker will follow the President's net. Chris will discuss the process of Electronic QSLing and take you through the steps required to successfully implement this process.

Clubs are invited to link their local repeater to the network. Please send an Email to armi@sarl.org.za before 12:00 today with the following details: repeater and frequency, coverage area and telephone number. It should be noted that cell phones and prepaid phones can not be connected.

A SMALL BOOST FOR THE SARL IARU FUND

The SARC IARU fund which is administered by the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust received contributions from the following radio amateurs: Alf Joubert, ZR6AFA, Nick Sauerman, ZS1AT, Gerald Klatzko, ZS6BTD, Ronald G. Eva, ZR6RON, P A Vincent, and ZR5SDB. The fund now stands at R2776, a long way from the target of R13 000. All donors have not supplied full address details, which makes it difficult to send an acknowledgement letter. After making a donation please send a copy of the deposit slip to 012 991 5651 by fax, to saardt@intekom.co.za by email or to PO Box 90438 Garsfontein 0042 by mail. The account number for contributions is ABSA 560 142 722, Menlyn Park, branch code 335 645. Cheques should be made payable to the SA Amateur Radio Development Trust. Full details can be found on www.amateururradio.co.za.

The Board of Trustees thanks all who have made contributions and appeal to clubs and individuals to assist so that the target of R13 000 can be realised as soon as possible. Fees for IARU membership are now due.

EUROJAM 2005 Late news from Dave Gemmell, ZS6AAW, SA National JOTA Co-ordinator.

The UK Radio Scouting team offers a chance to join in the radio team of the European Scout Jamboree and the Brownsea Reloaded camp that will be held this summer. ==> YOU WILL NEED TO REACT BEFORE 28 FEBRUARY 2005.

You are cordially invited to apply to join the Amateur Radio Team for the forthcoming EuroJam Camp, to be held in Hylands Park, Essex, from the 29th July to the 10th August 2005. This will be the largest camp held in the UK for many years, with approximately 15 000 Scouts expected to participate. Full information about EuroJam can be found at <http://www.eurojam.org>. We have been invited to put together a team of 30 International Service Team operators to run the Amateur Radio Station on the site.

In addition to the Essex site, we are also looking to form a team of 7 operators to run Radio Scouting activities from Brownsea Island for the same period, for a series of camps known as 'Brownsea Reloaded'. Information regarding the Brownsea activities can be found at <http://www.world.scouting2007.org/english/brownsea/reloaded.php>.

The approval to form these teams was only given on the 10th February - so things now have to move fast for us to compose the teams and prepare the stations in time for the events. With this in mind the closing date for applications is no later than Monday 28th February 2005. Applications are invited for either team by email to: eurojam@radio-scouting.org.uk. If you are selected to be part of the team for Eurojam, you must then apply on-line to the IST - the International Service Team - and be approved by your country's Scouting organisation. Full information about the IST is available at www.eurojam.org/english/join/staff.php.

RAE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

Candidates for the forthcoming Radio Amateur's Examination are advised that in terms of the new Radio Regulations, the examination will be based on the

CEPT Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) syllabus, which is available from the SARL web site. The recently released RAE training manual, which is available as a free download from the SARL web site, covers most of the technical aspects of the HAREC syllabus. Whatever training manual you choose to use, please do not rely on the contents of the manual or on past examination papers as a guide to the contents of the forthcoming examination, but ensure that you are acquainted with the published HAREC syllabus.

The rules and regulations paper will be based on the new Radio Regulations as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 27 252 of 4 February 2005, which is also available for download from the SARL web site, www.sarl.org.za.

PAPERS FOR AMSATCON 2005

The closing date for submission of proposals for papers to be presented at the SA AMSAT Conference on 14 May is tomorrow, 28 February. Some interesting papers have already been received. Visit the SA AMSAT website for more details: www.amsatsa.org.za. Delegate registration for the conference will start in March.

HF FIELD DAY OPERATION FROM 1ST SASOLBURG SCOUTS GROUNDS

The Sasolburg Radio Club ZS4SRK/p, would like to thank everybody who participated in the HF Field day Contest on 12-13 February 2005. We congratulate all the ZR stations for joining in on the fun during those 24 hours. We also have to thank the local Scouts for their facilities in town and look forward to all the future ventures and adventures we will have with them. Best of luck also to ZS4BFN with the processing of the logs to come. Come and have a look at the photos on our club website at www.qsl.net/zs4srk.

ZS6MRK EDUCATIONAL STATION THIS WEEK ON THE AIR

The Magalies Radio Amateur Club will be operating an educational station, ZS6MRK, from tomorrow 28th February till Saturday 6th March between 09:00 and 16:00 during the Science and Technology Expo, which is aimed at learners in order to make them aware of careers in Science and Technology. The station will mainly be operational on 2 m and 40 m. Contacts will be appreciated.

PETER I DXPEDITION

I am afraid we have bad news reports Bob Alphin, K4UEE, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR. At 01:00 local time today we learned that our charter vessel, the Cavendish Sea, had not yet sailed from the port of Comodoro Rivadavia. The Cavendish Sea was to sail to Ushuaia to pick up the DXpedition team and their equipment on Friday, Feb 18th. We were to sail before noon.

Because they have delayed their arrival until Sunday, and with a projected Monday departure, we have simply run out time. This latest delay on top of numerous previous delays, simply makes it impossible for us to spend a sufficient amount of time on Peter I to justify the DXpedition this year.

So, we have no choice but to postpone the DXpedition until 2006. We believe it is essential to allow enough time on Peter I to justify the monetary investment made by the team members, our sponsors, individual contributors, DX Clubs, DX Foundations.

After having the first vessel, the Antarctic Dream, default on their contract with us, then the helicopter company default on their contract and then after putting everything back together with a new boat and helicopter on this past Tuesday, the team has been on quite an emotional rollercoaster. Our sincerest thanks to everyone for the encouragement and support you offered us during this time.

PROPAGATION REPORT

A characteristic of this past week was the lack of sun activities. The coming week seems to present a similar picture. The sunspot number on Thursday was only 26,0 as compared to last week's 60,8. I doubt if it will go any lower, but should rather increase. Propagation conditions are at a low point and we will have to make our peace with this situation - at least for this and the next year. The expected sunspot number for February remains at 25,2 as against last year's 49,3.

DIARY OF EVENTS

President's net and Intechnet this evening at 19:00; 28 February - Submit proposals for papers for AMSATCON2005; 31 March- closing date for final papers for AMSATCOM 2005; and closing date for part 1 of the 2005 Construction Competition; 08 April - SARL Awards Dinner; 09 April - SARL AGM; 14 May - AMSATCON2005. 31 May - closing date for part 2 of the 2005 Construction Competition

The SARL invites you to listen on Sundays at 10:00 to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 700, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and many 2 m repeaters in different areas. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

Telkom and Sentech sponsor ARMI.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Gustav, ZS6BWN, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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